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February 7th, 1916

Dean M. W. Jacobus,

Hartford Theological Seminary.

My dear Dean Jacobus:

I intended to write you before this with regard to the kind offer that you repeat on behalf of President Hibben. I am quite relieved to know that you think it would be better for me not to lecture in Princeton this spring. It was only as a possibility that I wrote to President Hibben suggesting the theme of "Christianity and Progress".

I understand from your letter that the second series of lectures will be delivered in Princeton in November 1917. That would give me two summers to work at the subject. I appreciate very much that you should ask me to undertake the work of the lectureship, and I have much pleasure in accepting your offer.

Have you any detailed statement as to the subject? I assume that a large amount of freedom will be given one in its treatment, and that you have in view the difficulties that confront the average intelligent Arts undergraduate. While I shall not need to do a great deal of reading, it will be necessary to do a good deal of thinking in order to give the emphasis to the right places.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

June 30th, 1916

Professor M. W. Jacobus,

Hartford Theological Seminary,

Hartford, Conn.

My dear Professor Jacobus:

I have just received your letter on the eve of leaving for my holidays. Though I should have liked more time than the new arrangement will allow I will undertake to prepare the lectures for delivery in the late autumn.

If I remember correctly there are to be four lectures. I hope that you will allow me to choose a name for them, though I will endeavour to set forth what seem to me to be the essentials in Christianity. I do not, however, want to be bound down to dealing with definite doctrines, as might be inferred from the title "Essentials of Christianity".

I look forward with pleasure to visiting Princeton next autumn, and thank you and President Hibben for doing me this honour. With kind regards,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.